

National Intelligence Officers

May 20, 1976


General Alexander M. Haig, Jr., USA
SACEUR/CINCEUR

Dear Al,

Attached is a recently issued report entitled "Estimated Soviet Defense Spending in Rubles, 1970-1975" which will be of considerable interest to you. This report has been briefed to senior policy levels within the Executive Branch and to appropriate Congressional committees. It reflects a sharp rise in the Agency's estimate of the Soviet ruble expenditures, though there is not any change in the absolute size of their forces or in estimates of Soviet defense costs expressed in dollar terms.

If you so desire, I could easily lay on a session for you with the principal analysts who put this paper together and developed its conclusions. I am also pouching a copy of [REDACTED] so that one will be available for you in Mons upon your return.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NIOs and PP

SUBJECT : NIO Meeting with the Director

1. As he has indicated, the DCI not only enjoys his weekly meetings with all of you but also feels that he derives great benefit from them. They are clearly an institution he wants to continue. In fact, he wants to formalize them a touch for both symbolic and substantive reasons.

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2. As part of this, he wants to have them attended by both his Agency and his Community Deputies, with both of these gentlemen sitting at the table. The seating arrangement will be as follows: The DCI will sit in his usual chair. I will sit on his right (until 4 June, after which time my chair will be occupied by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] will sit in the two seats directly across the table from the DCI and the D/DCI/NIO. (General Walters will sit on the DCI's left at all the meetings he attends prior to his retirement.)

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3. There is no particular or necessary order for you to adopt in arranging yourselves around the table, but please leave the five seats mentioned above empty in taking chairs for yourselves.

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